year 2003 was Rs. 59301.69 crores (provisional) and Rs. 2311.57 crores respectively.

Violation of MRTP Act by cold drink manufacturers

1675. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of large scale violation of the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1969 by cold drink manufacturers have come to the notice of Government from various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the action taken by Government against such companies during the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (c) Since the year 2000, the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices (MRTP) Commission has instituted eight enquiries against soft drinks manufacturers for allegations of restrictive and unfair trade practices. The details of these enquiries are given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Sl. No.	Enquiry No.	Title of Enquiry with Respondent	Remarks, if any
1	2	3	4
1.	UTPE 26/2000	Dr. K. Haribabu, MLA, Andhra Pradesh. *-Vs.-* Multinational Softdrinks Companies. (The complaint was general and not against any particular company)	The Hon'ble Commission closed the matter on 28.03.2001 as no case of unfair trade practice was made out.
2.	UTPE 57/2000	Director General (I&R) *-Vs.-* Campa Beverages Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi.	Next date of hearing is 19.11.2003.
3.	RTPE 49/2000	Director General (I & R) *-Vs.-* Pepsi Foods Ltd. Sangrur, Punjab & Jai Drinks Pvt. Ltd. Jaipur, Rajasthan.	Next date of hearing is 15.09.2003.

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4.	RTPE 1/2001	Poona Bottling, Mumbai, Maharashtra. -*Vs.*- Hindustan Coca Cola Beverages Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, Coca Cola Co. Georgia, USA & Coca Cola India Ltd. Gurgaon, Haryana.	Withdrawn on 31.07.2001
5.	RTPE 60/2001	Kanti Beverages Pvt. Ltd. & Another, Mumbai, Maharashtra. -*Vs.*- Coca Cola Co., Georgia, USA, Coca Cola India Ltd. Gurgaon, Haryana & Hindustan Coca Cola Bottling, Gurgaon, Haryana.	Next date of hearing is 21.08.2003.
6.	RTPE 61/2001	Acqua Minerals Ltd., Mumbai, Maharashtra. -*Vs.*- Hindustan Coca Cola Beverages Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, Coca Cola Co. Georgia, USA & Crystals Springs Pvt. Ltd. Kolkata, West Bengal.	Disposed of on 25.07.2001 being not maintainable.
7.	UTPE 10/2003	P.K.Rastogi -*Vs.*- Pepsi Foods Pvt. Ltd. & Ors.	Next date of hearing is 26.08.2003.
8.	MTPE01/2003	Sathkumar Alias Sachhu & Another -*Vs.*- Dukes & Sons (P) Ltd. & Another	Next date of hearing is 13.10.2003.

RBI advice to shift from fixed to floating interest rate

1676. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Reserve Bank of India has advised the companies to shift from fixed to floating interest rate debts;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of companies to the advice of Reserve Bank of India?